

REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH OF THE LEISTON URBAN

HOUSES:- There were 553 houses at the end of 1896

SANITARY DISTRICT,

20 new houses built and occupied during 1897.

FOR NINE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1897.

II. WATER SUPPLY:- The water supply in many parts of the town I take to

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1.-PUBLIC HEALTH:- The public health has been very favourable, with a

low death rate and relatively high birth rate. There has been no sustained outbreak of infectious disease. Three cases of Diphtheria occurred in one house, but there was no spread. I made a report on the well from which this house draws its supply, condemning it.

There was one case of Erysipelas. In the house where this occurred the waste pipe from the sink communicated with the deadwell direct.

This was out off and disconnected.

III. DEATH RATE:- Leiston, Quarters 2, 3 & 4 is at the rate of 8.10 per 1000 per annum.

England & Wales: for 1896 ~~2, 3 & 4~~ was 17.1 per 1000 per annum.

BIRTH RATE:- Leiston, " 2, 3 & 4 is at the rate of 31.3 per 1000 per annum.

England & Wales: for 1896 was 29.7 per 1000 per annum.

MARRIAGES: There were 19 marriages, giving a rate of 6.8 per 1000.

POPULATION: At end of 1896 2761

Net gain by new occupants over removals in 1897 32

Net gain by births over deaths during 1897 61

Population at end of 1897 - 2854

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MARRIAGES: There were 12 marriages, giving a rate of 6.8 per 1000.

POPULATION: At end of 1896 2761
Net gain by new occupants over removals
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Population at end of 1897 = 2834

HOUSES:- There were 653 houses at the end of 1896

V. ISOLATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES:- I would urge most strongly that 20 new houses built and occupied during 1897.

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VI. SYSTEMATIC INSPECTION:- In a house to house visitation conducted High Street. I would suggest that the Council should approach Messrs Garrett with a view to obtaining their permission for the further usage of this valuable supply by means of stand pipes in various parts of the town. This would render the immediate closure of contaminated wells a comparatively easy matter. I would suggest as desirable positions: California or Long Row, Paradise, and Mill Corner.

III. DRAINAGE:- I should be very glad to see the drainage scheme commenced, believing that in the hands of Mr Miller, County Surveyor, it would soon be brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

IV. REMOVAL OF EXCREMENT:- The present system of removal of excrement seems to work satisfactorily as far as it goes. But the combina-

VII. OCCASIONAL INSPECTIONS:- In Paradise the main objection I found was the presence of big styes in too close proximity to the dwellings. I would recommend that all deadwells and pits should be abolished and a general dry earth system substituted. This system would have to be under the control of the Council both as regards removal of the excrement and supply of suitably prepared earth.

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The present system of removal of excrement seems to work satisfactorily as far as it goes. But the combination of pit closets, deadwells and dry earth closets is far from good. I would recommend that all deadwells and pits should be abolished and a general dry earth system substituted. This system would have to be under the control of the Council both as regards removal of the excrement and supply of suitably prepared earth.

V. ISOLATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE:- I would urge most strongly that refuse, in Crosses lane the same accumulation of refuse was some means of isolation of Infectious cases should be provided. evident.

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ROADS:- I am glad to be able to congratulate the Council on the In one case all the slop water was thrown into a shallow trench improved condition of the roads, both in respect to installing and situated in the rear of the house, a most unsatisfactory condition everywhere. Also on the improved condition of the pavements, of things. This, however, by my recommendation was done away

VIII. BYE-LAWS:- I would again strongly urge the necessity for the pass- with. Also in a row of 12 houses in the Aldeburgh Road the

lack of Bye-laws, the need for which is evidenced by the erection privy accommodation was entirely inadequate. Originally there in Buckles Road of houses during the year entirely unprovided with were 3 closets supplied for 52 persons. Three houses now have facilities for sink and surface drainage. Also in the absence of separate closets, with an aggregate of fifteen persons. The regularity in the clearing of ashpits, the condition of many remaining 3 closets have to accommodate 37 people. of these constituting a menace to the public health.

VII. OCCASIONAL INSPECTIONS:- In Paradise the main objections I found were

the presence of pig styes in too close proximity to the dwellings, (signed) H. M. SYLVESTER,

also the want of a proper system of removal of ashes and other

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VII. OCCASIONAL INSPECTIONS:- In furtherance the main objections I found were

the presence of pig sties in too close proximity to the dwellings,

also the want of a proper system of removal of refuse and other

house refuse. I would suggest that the Council should either by

means of a bye-law enforce the clearing of rubbish at proper

intervals, or themselves undertake the removal of the house

refuse. In Crosses Lane the same accumulation of refuse was evident.

In Long Row or California the privy accommodation was inadequate and the water supply, owing to the too close proximity of closet pits to the wells, open to doubt.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES. I twice inspected the slaughter houses in the district, and found them satisfactory except in one case, where my recommendations were carried out

ROADS:- I am glad to be able to congratulate the Council on the improved condition of the roads, both in respect to metalling and scavenging, also on the improved condition of the pavements.

VIII. BYE-LAWS:- I would again strongly urge the necessity for the passing of Bye-laws, the need for which is evidenced by the erection in Buckles Road of houses during the year entirely unprovided with facilities for sink and surface drainage, also in the absence of any regularity in the clearing of Ashpits, the condition of many of these constituting a menace to the Public Health.

(signed) H. M. SYLVESTER,
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